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Aiken is that we are brought "back to the theory of Freud. It is to some deep hunger, whether erotic or not . . . that we must look for the source of power."

Freud's original doctrine, I supposed, was that the source of power was erotic. If we modify this theory so far as to teach that the source of power is either "erotic or not" it seems to me that the theory has become a little flat.

Mr. Aiken suggests that the poetic inspiration is a manifestation of "the hunger of the frustrate for richer experience." But that is precisely the theory which he started out to combat. What is more mysterious, "translunar" and "beyond analysis" than the hunger of the soul? Mr. Aiken complains that "our criticism is still a rather primitive parade of likes and dislikes." But after experimenting three times a day for a good many years, I have become convinced that this primitive parade of likes and dislikes is just exactly what "hunger" is. The difference between "emotion" and "hunger" of the soul is the difference between tweedledum and tweedledee. The "scientific" and "psychological" poetic critics are driven back into the harbor of popular common sense. Poetry is the rhythm of emotion.

TUCKAHOE, N. Y.

FREDERICK A. WRIGHT.

FROM COUNSELOR JOB E. HEDGES

SIR,—Please accept this expression of my appreciation of the remarkable work you are doing anent the war through the columns of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW. I am particularly impressed with the February number. You struck the key-note when stating that what Washington officialdom needed was *vision*. What Congress needs is an active, virile, cohesive minority party, competing with the majority party in constructive support of the Government in this crucial time. Your February article appealed to me particularly, again, in using the word "unselfishness" as the acid test of support. No one in Washington need have the slightest doubt that the intelligent people of the country know on whose brow to plant the laurel of approval for patriotic service.

NEW YORK CITY.

JOB E. HEDGES.

A PRESIDENTIAL SUGGESTION

SIR,—When you are editorially reviewing men as Presidential candidates for the next election, I sincerely hope that you will suggest in THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW the name of General Leonard Wood for that high office. He is a man of international fame.

I believe he merits and would get the highest recognition from our people as a whole; so it would make no difference which great party nominated him—he would win out.

His past efforts toward military preparedness for the United States now give him a warm place in the hearts of the people, which will outlast the "too proud to fight" idea.

ARDMORE, PA.

I. N. KNAPP.

[We do not consider this a suitable time to discuss Presidential possibilities; neither upon general principles do we regard professional soldiers favorably in that connection.—EDITOR.]